



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

OCT 14 2003

Stephen B. Jackson, Treasurer
Julie Thomas for Congress Campaign Committee
PO Box 2816
Cedar Rapids, IA 52406

RE: MUR 5328

Dear Mr. Jackson:

On October 8, 2003, the Federal Election Commission accepted the signed conciliation agreement submitted on your behalf in settlement of a violation of 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f), a provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. Accordingly, the file has been closed in this matter as it pertains to Julie Thomas for Congress Campaign Committee and you, as treasurer.

The Commission reminds you that the confidentiality provisions of 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12)(A) still apply, and that this matter is still open with respect to other respondents. The Commission will notify you when the entire file has been closed.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the fully executed conciliation agreement for your files. Please note that, upon receiving notice that PAC to the Future and Team Majority have waived their right to any refund, Julie Thomas for Congress Campaign Committee and you, as treasurer, shall disgorge to the U.S. Treasury \$5,000. The disgorgement check, made payable to the U.S. Treasury, should reference MUR 5328 and be sent to the Commission.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Joshua Heller at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,



Thomas J. Andersen
Attorney

Enclosure
Conciliation Agreement

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**Julie Thomas for Congress
Campaign Committee and
Stephen B. Jackson, as treasurer**

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1 2. Stephen B. Jackson is the treasurer of Julie Thomas for Congress
2 Campaign Committee.

3 3. PAC to the Future and Team Majority are multicandidate committees
4 registered with the Commission.

5 4. The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"),
6 states that for the purposes of the limitations set forth in 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a), all
7 contributions made by political committees "established or financed or maintained or
8 controlled by any . . . person, or by any group of . . . persons, shall be considered to have
9 been made by a single political committee." 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(5). Committees
10 established, financed, maintained or controlled by the same person or group of persons
11 are "affiliated" committees. 11 C.F.R. § 100.5(g)(2). Contributions made to or by such
12 committees shall be considered to have been made to or by a single committee. *Id.*

13 5. PAC to the Future and Team Majority are affiliated within the meaning
14 of the Act and regulations, and therefore share the same contribution limits.

15 6. An authorized candidate committee may only accept \$5,000 from a
16 multicandidate PAC during each election. 2 U.S.C. §§ 441a(a)(2)(A), 441a(f). If a
17 committee accepts contributions that exceed these limits, it must either refund the
18 excessive contributions or seek redesignation or reattribution within sixty days. *See*
19 11 C.F.R. § 103.3(b)(3).

20 7. PAC to the Future made a \$5,000 contribution to Julie Thomas for
21 Congress Campaign Committee on May 21, 2002, and Team Majority made a \$5,000
22 contribution to Julie Thomas for Congress Campaign Committee on October 15, 2002.
23 Because the two PACs were limited to making a \$5,000 contribution to any candidate

1 committee, the contributions made by PAC to the Future and Team Majority, when
2 aggregated, constituted excessive contributions to Julie Thomas for Congress Campaign
3 Committee.

4 V. Respondents accepted excessive contributions totaling \$5,000, in violation of
5 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f). Respondents will cease and desist from violating 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f).

6 VI. 1. Respondents agree to pay a civil penalty to the Federal Election
7 Commission in the amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred dollars (\$2,500), pursuant to
8 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(5)(A).

9 2. Respondents will, upon receiving notice that PAC to the Future and Team
10 Majority have waived their right to any refund, disgorge to the U.S. Treasury Five
11 Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) in excessive contributions.

12 VII. The Commission, on request of anyone filing a complaint under 2 U.S.C.
13 § 437g(a)(1) concerning the matters at issue herein or on its own motion, may review
14 compliance with this agreement. If the Commission believes that this agreement or any
15 requirement thereof has been violated, it may institute a civil action for relief in the
16 United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

17 VIII. This agreement shall become effective as of the date that all parties hereto
18 have executed it and the Commission has approved the entire agreement.

19 IX. Respondents shall have no more than thirty (30) days from the date this
20 agreement becomes effective to comply with and implement the requirements contained
21 in this agreement and to so notify the Commission.

22 X. This Conciliation Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the
23 parties on the matters raised herein, and no other statement, promise, or agreement, either

1 written or oral, made by either party or by agents of either party, that is not contained in
2 this written agreement shall be enforceable.

3 FOR THE COMMISSION:

4 Lawrence H. Norton
5 General Counsel
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8 BY: *Rhonda J. Vosdingh*
9 Rhonda J. Vosdingh
10 Associate General Counsel
11 for Enforcement
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10/10/03
Date

13 FOR THE RESPONDENTS:

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16 *Julie Thomas*
17 (Name)
18 (Position) *Candidates*

7/18/03
Date

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)

MUR 5328

Julie Thomas for Congress)

Campaign Committee and)

Stephen B. Jackson, as treasurer)

STATE OF IOWA)

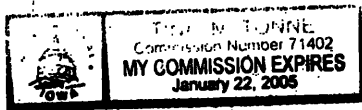
COUNTY OF LINN)

I, Julie Thomas, being first duly sworn on oath do depose and state that I was a candidate for Congress concerning the above-captioned campaign.

That at the time the contributions were received from the two PACs, PAC to the Future and Team Majority, it was not known that they were affiliated. When the contributions were received they were accepted in good faith without knowledge that they would subsequently be deemed to be a single PAC.


JULIE THOMAS

Subscribed and sworn to before me by the aforesaid Julie Thomas on this 18 day of September, 2003.




NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF IOWA